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EXECUTIVE ORDER _____
ESTABLISHING THE BOARD OF CONSULTANTS
ON THE
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WHEREAS the security of the United States and the conduct of its foreign affairs require objective intelligence of the highest order;

AND WHEREAS the Central Intelligence Agency was constituted by the National Security Act of 1947 for the purpose of coordinating the intelligence activities of the several departments and agencies in the interest of national security;

NOW THEREFORE by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes and as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. To provide an objective review of the foreign intelligence capabilities of the Government and the performance of its functions by the Central Intelligence Agency there is hereby created the Board of Consultants on the Central Intelligence Agency, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall report directly to the President.

2. The members of the Board shall be appointed as consultants to the President from among persons outside the Government selected by the President on the basis of ability, experience, and knowledge of matters relating to the national defense and security. Members of the Board will serve without compensation but will be reimbursed for

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expenses and transportation in accordance with standard Government regulations.

3. The members of the Board, individually and sitting as the Board, will consult from time to time with the Director of Central Intelligence on the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Board will report semiannually to the President on the quality of foreign intelligence provided to the Executive Branch of the Government and on the performance by the Central Intelligence Agency of its functions.

4. The Director of Central Intelligence and the Central Intelligence Agency will make available to the Board or its individual members any information concerning its activities and other foreign intelligence activities relating to the national interest which the Board or its members deem necessary to fulfill their responsibilities to the President. Each member appointed to the Board will execute an undertaking not to reveal any classified information obtained by virtue of their service on the Board except to the President or to such persons as he may designate.

5. The Central Intelligence Agency will make available to the Board or its members such services, facilities, and supplies as may be needed for the performance of the responsibilities set forth herein.

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